

AMENDMENTS

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of the claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-10. (Canceled)

11. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 6, wherein the loop extender further comprises: A system for improving transmission of digital subscriber line (DSL) signals over a local loop, the system comprising:

a loop extender capacitively coupled to the local loop, the loop extender comprising:

a plurality of upstream complex impedances coupled in parallel;

a plurality of downstream complex impedances coupled in parallel;

a first upstream filter and amplifying element coupled to the plurality of upstream complex impedances via a first switch;

a first downstream filter and amplifying element coupled to the plurality of downstream complex impedances via a second switch;

at least one additional upstream filter and amplifying element coupled in parallel to the first upstream filter and amplifying element;

at least one additional downstream filter and amplifying element coupled in parallel to the first downstream filter and amplifying element;

a first transformer coupled to the plurality of upstream complex impedances, a first inverting buffer, and either the first downstream filter and amplifying element or one of the at least one additional downstream filter and amplifying elements via a third switch to couple the plurality of upstream complex impedances, the first inverting buffer, and either the first downstream filter and amplifying element or one of the at least one additional downstream filter and amplifying elements via the third switch to the local loop; and

a second transformer coupled to the plurality of downstream complex impedances, a second inverting buffer, and either the first upstream filter and

amplifying element or one of the at least one additional upstream filter and amplifying elements via a fourth switch to couple the plurality of downstream complex impedances, the second inverting buffer, and either the first upstream filter and amplifying element or one of the at least one additional upstream filter and amplifying elements via the fourth switch to the local loop.

12. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 11, wherein the loop extender further comprises:

- a plain old telephone service (POTS) loading coil adapted to be coupled to the local loop for improving transmission of POTS band signals over the local loop; and

- a diagnostic and control unit coupled to the local loop for providing communications, control, and diagnostic functionality.

13. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 12, wherein the diagnostic and control unit comprises:

- a modem coupled to the local loop for communication with a central office;
- an analog multiplexer and analog-to-digital converter (AMADC) for controlling the first, second, third, and fourth switches via switch control lines;
- and

- a diagnostic and control processor (DCP) coupled to the modem and the AMADC for processing control signals received via the modem and sending the control signals to the AMADC.

14. (Original) The system of claim 13, wherein the first transformer is coupled to the local loop via a first bypass relay switch and the second transformer is coupled to the local loop via a second bypass relay switch.

15. (Original) The system of claim 14, further comprising a bypass relay for coupling the first and second bypass relay switches to the DCP.

16. (Original) The system of claim 15, wherein the DCP upon receiving control signals from the central office, decouples the first and second transformers from the local loop by activating a deactivated bypass relay.

17. (Original) The system of claim 15, wherein the DCP upon receiving control signals from the central office, couples the first and second transformers to the local loop by deactivating an activated bypass relay.

18-26. (Canceled)

27. (Currently Amended) ~~The method of claim 18, further comprising:~~ A method of improving transmission of digital subscriber line (DSL) signals over a local loop, comprising:

configuring a loop extender with

a plurality of upstream complex impedances coupled in parallel;

a plurality of downstream complex impedances coupled in parallel;

a plurality of upstream filter and amplifying elements coupled in parallel and coupled in series with the plurality of upstream complex impedances;

a plurality of downstream filter and amplifying elements coupled in parallel and coupled in series with the plurality of downstream complex impedances; and

configuring the loop extender with

a first transformer for coupling the plurality of upstream complex impedances, a first inverting buffer, and one of the plurality of downstream filter and amplifying elements to the local loop; and

a second transformer for coupling the plurality of downstream complex impedances, a second inverting buffer, and one of the plurality of upstream filter and amplifying elements to the local loop.

28. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 27, further comprising:
improving transmission of plain old telephone service (POTS) band signals over the local loop via a POTS loading coil coupled to the local loop; and
providing communications, control, and diagnostic functionality via a diagnostic and control unit coupled to the local loop.

29. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 28, wherein providing communications, control, and diagnostic functionality comprises:
communicating with a central office via a modem coupled to the local loop;
processing control signals received via the modem;
selecting one of the plurality of downstream complex impedances based upon the processed control signals;
selecting one of the plurality of upstream complex impedances based upon the processed control signals;
selecting one of the plurality of upstream filter and amplifying elements based upon the processed control signals; and
selecting one of the plurality of downstream filter and amplifying elements based upon the processed control signals.

30. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 29, wherein the method further comprises uncoupling the first transformer and the second transformer from the local loop in accordance with the processed control signals.

31. (Previously Presented) A system for improving transmission of digital subscriber line (DSL) signals over a local loop, the system comprising:
selectable line termination and equalization (SLTE) DSL amplification circuitry capacitively coupled to the local loop via bypass relay switches;
a plain old telephone service (POTS) loading coil adapted to be coupled to the local loop for improving transmission of POTS band signals over the local loop; and

a diagnostic and control unit coupled to the local loop for receiving and processing control signals from a central office, coupled to the bypass relay switches via a bypass relay for controlling the bypass relay switches, and coupled to the SLTE DSL amplification circuitry via a plurality of switch control lines for controlling the SLTE DSL amplification circuitry.

32. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 31, wherein the SLTE DSL amplification circuitry comprises:

- a plurality of upstream complex impedances coupled in parallel and selectable via a first switch;

- a plurality of downstream complex impedances coupled in parallel and selectable via a second switch;

- a plurality of upstream filter and amplifying elements coupled in parallel and selectable via a third switch;

- a plurality of downstream filter and amplifying elements coupled in parallel and selectable via a fourth switch;

- a first transformer to couple the plurality of upstream impedances, the fourth switch, and a first inverting buffer to the local loop;

- a second transformer to couple the plurality of downstream impedances, the third switch, and a second inverting buffer to the local loop;

- a first non-inverting buffer to couple the first switch and the first inverting buffer to the plurality of upstream filter and amplifying elements; and

- a second non-inverting buffer to couple the second switch and the second inverting buffer to the plurality of downstream filter and amplifying elements.

33. (Original) The system of claim 32, wherein the first switch is controlled via a first switch control line, the second switch is controlled via a second switch control line, the third switch is controlled via a third switch control line, and the fourth switch is controlled via a fourth switch control line.

34. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 33, wherein the diagnostic and control unit is configured to instruct the first switch to select one of the plurality of

complex upstream impedances in response to the control signals received from the central office.

35. (Original) The system of claim 34, wherein the one of the plurality of complex upstream impedances selected approximately matches the local loop impedance in a first direction along the local loop.

36. (Original) The system of claim 35, wherein the first direction is directed from the SLTE DSL amplification circuitry to the central office along the local loop.

37. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 33, wherein the diagnostic and control unit is configured to instruct the second switch to select one of the plurality of complex downstream impedances in response to the control signals received from the central office.

38. (Original) The system of claim 37, wherein the one of the plurality of complex downstream impedances selected approximately matches the local loop impedance in a second direction along the local loop.

39. (Original) The system of claim 38, wherein the second direction is directed from the SLTE DSL amplification circuitry to a customer premises along the local loop.

40. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 33, wherein the diagnostic and control unit is configured to instruct the third switch to select one of the plurality of upstream filter and amplifying in response to the control signals received from the central office.

41. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 40, wherein the one of the plurality of upstream filter and amplifying elements selected is based upon local loop length measured from the SLTE DSL amplification circuitry to a customer premises.

42. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 33, wherein the diagnostic and control unit, in response to the control signals received from the central office, instructs the fourth switch to select one of the plurality of downstream filter and amplifying elements.

43. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 42, wherein the one of the plurality of downstream filter and amplifying elements selected is based upon local loop length measured from the SLTE DSL amplification circuitry to the central office.

44-49. (Canceled)